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FEAR OF SPYING

A Dangerous Game Worsens

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WASHINGTON—In the oblique world of international intrigue, euphemisms often reveal what they were intended to conceal, especially with a little help from students of deception.

The youthful editors of Counter-Spy, a quarterly magazine that habitually exposes government secrets, have become specialists in translating euphemisms. For "Army Department analyst" or "Foreign Service reserve," for example, they substitute a single word: Spy.

One such act of translation has made Counter-Spy and its parent organization, Fifth Estate Security Education, the latest center of attention in the ongoing controversy over continued exposure of government secrets or dirty tricks.

Twice in recent issues Counter-Spy published the name of Richard S. Welch and identified him as a Central Intelligence Agency chief of station in Lima, Peru. Subsequently, his name and those of six other reported CIA agents in Greece—where Welch moved earlier this year—were published in an English-language Athens daily.

Welch was shot to death Dec. 23 outside his suburban Athens home, a known residence for CIA officials in Greece.

If there was a connection between Counter-Spy's identification of Welch as a CIA official and the murder, it has not been established. But Counter-Spy's editors, though they express regret that any person's life was lost, do not believe the responsibility was theirs.

"I think it's unfortunate that someone was killed," said Margaret Van Houten, a staff member of the magazine. "But when you function in a job like that, you have to function with the understanding that something like that could happen to you at any time."

Since its first issue in April, 1973, supported by Norman Mailer, the author, and former luminaries of the antiwar movement, Counter-Spy has moved relentlessly ahead in its exposures of CIA spies.

It has identified 225 people in the last two years as CIA agents working in such countries as Egypt, Cambodia, Venezuela, even Luxembourg. The next issue, scheduled for this month, will carry the names of CIA agents in Angola, Paris and Sweden.

The editors are a youngish crew of men and women who are for the most part veterans of the anti-Vietnam war movement. Their spiritual fathers, identified as an advisory board in the magazine's masthead, include Mark Lane, the Warren Commission critic; Philip Agee, former CIA case officer who wrote an expose of CIA operations; and Victor Marchetti, another former CIA officer who also wrote a book.

The magazine's literary guru is Mailer, who helped get the publication started with a birthday bash in 1973 and who wrote a short critique of the CIA for Counter-Spy's spring-summer issue of 1975.

But the basic work is done by a small group of people led by co-editors Tim Butz, 28, and Doug Porter, 25. They work at home and use a postal box mailing address. Sometimes they can be found in the offices of the Intelligence Document Center, a research organization and library situated in a DuPont Circle building that also is home to a policemen's union, the Jimmy Carter for President campaign headquarters and the Friends of Mother Seton.

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MEMO TO [REDACTED]

Re. Fifth Estate

1. The recent murder of Richard S. Welch, Greece, has focussed attention on Fifth Estate, working to sabotage various US intelligence operations charged with fingering Welch for assassination, listing his name in the two latest issues of its ter-Spy", on Page 50 of its Summer-Fall issue as sue. (See copies of both issues attached, and E

2. Fifth Estate bluntly states its primary "abolishment of the CIA" and (2) "support for CI the Summer-Fall issue of "Counter-Spy".

3. Other Fifth Estate objectives, as ascer and other issues of "Counter-Spy", appear to be t fectivnesss of the FBI and other US intelligence and security agencies.

4. From a brief evaluation of available material and other evidence from Fifth Estate sources, including interviews with two of its five principals (Winslow Peck and Eda Gordon), it is apparent that Fifth Estate, and its spin-offs, not only are targeted to damage or destroy US security operations, but also that they are probably under Marxist control or operation. In addition, it appears that the whole Fifth Estate setup has close ties with other leftist or radical groups, some of them, at least, Communist controlled or infiltrated.

5. The following attachments, numbered I, II, III, IV, V, & VI), are submitted as partial evidence of statements made in Paragraphs 3 & 4 above. (See attachments numbered I, II, II, IV, V and VI.)

I. "We're Looking For Someone Like You" history, objectives, chief personalities, etc. of Intelligence Documentation Center, located in same suite with Fifth Estate, its founder, at Suite 403, 2000 P St., N.W., Wash. DC 20036, Telephone: 202/785/8385. (Fifth Estate moved there recently from its previous location: a cluttered office at 519 Dupont Circle Bldg., Wash. DC 20036.)

II. "Fifth Estate Annual Report" (1974-75) - "growth", "research" and education" and "Prospectus for 1975". This report also is found on Pages 53, 54 & 55 of Winter issue of "Counter-Spy".

III. "Public Education Project on the Intelligence Community" also located in same suite suite with Fifth Estate and Intelligence Documentation Center, Suite 403, 2000 P St., NW, Wash. DC 20036. Winslow Peck, one of five principals in Fifth Estate (listed in I. above), claims speakers from this project have appeared on "hundreds" of US campuses in last two years, and presently "about 150 people" are working in "research groups" on many campuses "studying" government abuses of power, specifically among security agencies, in their areas".

IV. "Threats to the Constitution", a promotional booklet for speaking engagements from Fifth Estate's Public Education Project on the Intelligence Community".

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AFTERMATH: THE FIFTH ESTATE

"We must see how far our paranoia is justified," mumbled a "hint too drunk" Norman Mailer at a raucous Manhattan party nearly two years ago. The occasion: the macho scribe's 50th birthday and the birth of a new organization, the Fifth Estate, which would uncover the extent of the intelligence community's role in America. In fact, despite its shaky beginning, Fifth Estate did headquarter in Washington and did begin a quarterly magazine that only stopped publishing this year when funds ran low. Then the research arm of the group formed a separate non-profit group, the Intelligence Documentation Center, which has—through successful Freedom of Information Act requests—brought

you news recently of Navy Intelligence's spying on civilians and the military's quiet role handling the siege at Wounded Knee.

Footnote: Fifth Estate's finances have improved and Porter says its magazine will reappear next month. On the group's board: Intelligence hounds Victor Marchetti, retired Col. Fletcher Prouty, Philip Agee, Marcus Raskin, Mark Lane and William Turner.

And you thought he was famous: at the Pacem In Terris conference a few weeks ago, a dinner table partner asked the CIA's high spy: "And Mr. Colby, what do you do for a living?" . . .